

AMENDMENTS to the CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~method~~ gaming apparatus comprising:
a processor operable to facilitate a wagering game; and
a computer readable medium in communication with the processor and
storing instructions configured to direct the processor to perform a method
comprising:
~~establishing~~determining a balance of funds for a player;
determining a wager amount ~~required for~~ selected for placement on the
wagering [[a]] game by the player;
determining whether the wager amount ~~selected~~ required is greater than a
predetermined amount, wherein the predetermined amount is distinct from a
minimum wager amount that may be required to play the game;
if the wager amount selected is not greater than the predetermined amount,
accepting the wager amount; and
if the wager amount selected is greater than the predetermined amount,
displaying a confirmation message, ~~if the wager amount is greater than the~~
~~predetermined amount~~ such that the wager amount selected is not accepted until at
least the confirmation message is displayed.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ gaming apparatus of claim 1, in which the game comprises a plurality of plays.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ gaming apparatus of claim 1, in which the game comprises a flat rate session.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ gaming apparatus of claim 1, in which the game comprises a prepaid session.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ gaming apparatus of claim 1, in which the wager amount selected ~~required~~ corresponds to a plurality of plays.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ gaming apparatus of claim 1, in which the wager amount selected ~~required~~ corresponds to a predetermined period of time.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ gaming apparatus of claim 1, in which the confirmation message comprises a confirmation screen.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~method~~ gaming apparatus of claim 7, in which the confirmation screen comprises at least one selectable location.

9 – 14. (CANCELLED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~method~~ gaming device comprising:
a processor operable to facilitate a wagering game; and
a computer readable medium in communication with the processor and
storing instructions configured to direct the processor to perform a method
comprising:

receiving a request to initiate play of ~~[[a]]~~ the wagering game at ~~[[a]]~~ the
gaming device;

determining whether to present confirmation information to a player; ~~and~~
if confirmation information is to be presented to the player:

determining confirmation information to present to the player;
presenting the confirmation information to the player;
receiving a signal indicating that the player confirms the confirmation information;

decrementing a credit balance associated with the player; and
initiating play of the game,

in which determining whether to present confirmation information to the player comprises:

determining a cost to play the game; and

determining whether the cost to play the game is greater than a predetermined cost, wherein the predetermined cost is distinct from a minimum wager amount required to play the game, and

in which the confirmation information includes an indication of the cost to play the game as a percentage of an available balance; and

if the confirmation information is not to be presented to the player, because the predetermined cost to play the game is not greater than a predetermined cost, initiating play of the wagering game without presenting the confirmation information to the player.

16 – 32. (CANCELLED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform a method comprising:

~~establishing~~determining a balance of funds for a player;

determining a wager amount ~~required for~~ selected for placement on the wagering [[a]] game by the player;

determining whether the wager amount selected required is greater than a predetermined amount, wherein the predetermined amount is distinct from a minimum wager amount that may be required to play the game;

if the wager amount selected is not greater than the predetermined amount, accepting the wager amount; and

if the wager amount selected is greater than the predetermined amount, displaying a confirmation message, if the wager amount is greater than the predetermined amount such that the wager amount selected is not accepted until at least the confirmation message is displayed.

34. (CANCELLED)

35. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[34]]1, in which the confirmation message includes a representation of the wager amount as a percentage of the balance of funds.

36. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[34]]1, in which the confirmation message includes an indication of the wager amount compared to the balance of funds.

37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[34]]1, further comprising:

determining a ratio of the wager amount to the balance of funds.

38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[34]]1, in which determining whether the wager amount required is greater than a predetermined amount comprises:

determining an indication of the wager amount as a percentage of the balance of funds.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[34]]1, in which the predetermined amount corresponds to a predetermined ratio.

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[39]] 1, in which the predetermined ratio is not less than one half.

41. (Currently Amended) A gaming device comprising:
a processor; and
a computer readable medium in communication with the processor and storing instructions configured to direct the processor to perform a method comprising:
determining a balance available for a player to wager;
determining a wager amount ~~selected~~ required for a game;
determining a ratio of the wager amount to the balance available; and
displaying a confirmation message if the determined ratio is greater than a predetermined ratio.

42. (Previously Presented) The gaming device of claim 41, in which the confirmation message includes an indication of the determined ratio.

43. (Previously Presented) The gaming device of claim 41, in which the predetermined ratio is not less than one half.